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Letter dated 12 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in regard to a letter sent to the Security Council on 6 September 2013 (A/67/983-S/2013/537). In this letter, the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations falsely accused Israel of violating the Blue Line separating Israel and Lebanon.

On 25 August 2013, the Lebanese shepherd in question crossed the Blue Line in the vicinity of Mount Dov. Following this violation of Israeli sovereignty, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) pursued the individual until he crossed back into Lebanon, at which point IDF turned back so as to not violate Lebanese territory. The shepherd's flock, which remained on the Israeli side of the border, was returned to Lebanon later in the day.

Instead of serving as watch guards, the Lebanese Armed Forces seem to do more watching than guarding, as the border is violated on dozens of occasions by the Lebanese every month. At this time, there are no physical markings to delineate the Israel-Lebanon border in the area in which this incident took place. Both the United Interim Force in Lebanon and IDF have repeatedly urged that the border be marked, to no avail.

Rather than trying to pull the fleece over the eyes of the Security Council, Lebanon should be raising minor complaints in the trilateral forum. Israel regards this as the most effective forum in which to address routine incidents.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

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